

**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A portable device comprising:

- [[a)] a body;
- [[b)] memory within the body containing software and financial account information;
- [[c)] an interface associated with the memory and adapted to facilitate interaction with  
[[the)] a host computing device during a computing session;
- [[d)] the software adapted to execute on the host computing device to instruct the host  
computing device to:
  - [[i)] recognize financial account fields in a web page during a browsing  
session;
  - [[ii)] fill in the financial account fields in the web page with the financial  
account information from the portable device to facilitate a web-based transaction;
  - [[iii)] automatically execute on the host computing device in association with the  
computing session; and
  - [[iv)] in association with termination of the computing session, instruct the host  
computing device to remove records pertaining to the computing session from the host  
computing device to enhance privacy associated with the computing session.

2. (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the financial account  
information relates to a plurality of financial accounts, the software further adapted to instruct  
the host computing device to:

- [[a)] query a user to select one of the plurality of financial accounts;
- [[b)] receive selected indicia from the user; and
- [[c)] fill in the financial account fields in the web page with certain of the financial  
account information corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of financial accounts.

3. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software is further adapted to provide an  
authentication routine to execute on the host computing device, the authentication routine  
instructing the host computing device to receive authentication indicia from a user via an  
interface on the host computing device and determine if the authentication indicia received from  
the user matches authentication indicia stored on the portable device.

4. (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the portable device stores login information for a second web [[site]] page associated with the web-based transaction and the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to determine if login information is necessary for the second web [[site]] page and provide the login information upon entering the second web [[site]] page.

5. (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 1 wherein a bookmark for the web [[site]] page is stored on the portable device and the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to make the bookmark accessible by a browser running on the host computing device such that a user may use the bookmark to efficiently access the web [[site]] page via the browser.

6. (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the portable device stores shipping information for a item selected for purchase during the web-based transaction and the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to access the shipping information and provide the shipping information to the web [[site]] page to facilitate delivery of the item selected for purchase.

7. (Currently Amended) The portable device of claim [[1]] 6 wherein the shipping information includes a plurality of shipping addresses, the software further adapted to instruct the host computing device to:

[[a))] query a user to select one of the plurality of shipping addresses;

[[b))] receive selection indicia from the user; and

[[c))] fill in the shipping address fields with certain of the shipping information corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of shipping addresses.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software is adapted to emulate a file system resident on the host computing device when interacting with the host computing device.

10. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the software is adapted to appear as a file system to the host computing device.

11. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the interface is adapted to directly interface a port in the host computing device.

12. (Original) The portable device of claim 1 wherein the interface is adapted to provide a wireless interface with the host computing device.

13. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium including software to reside on a portable device capable of interacting with a plurality of host computing devices, the software comprising instructions for the host computing device to:

- execute on the host computing device during a computing session;
- recognize financial account fields in a web page during a browsing session; and
- fill in the financial account fields in the web page with financial account information stored on the portable device to facilitate a web-based transaction,

said software further adapted to execute automatically on the host computing device in association with the computing session, and

in association with termination of the computing session, instruct the host computing device to remove records pertaining to the computing session from the host computing device to enhance privacy associated with the computing session.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the financial account information relates to a plurality of financial accounts, the software further adapted to instruct the host computing device to:

- [[a)] query a user to select one of the plurality of financial accounts;
- [[b)] receive selection indicia from the user; and
- [[c)] fill in the financial account fields in the web page with certain of the financial account information corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of financial accounts.

15. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the software is further adapted to provide an authentication routine to execute on the host computing device, the authentication routine instructing the host computing device to receive authentication indicia from a user via an interface on the host computing device and determine if the authentication indicia received from the user matches authentication indicia stored on the portable device.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the portable device stores login information for a second web [[site]] page associated with the web-based transaction and the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to determine if login information is necessary for the second web [[site]] page and provide the login information upon entering the second web [[site]] page.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein a bookmark for the web [[site]] page is stored on the portable device and the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to make the bookmark accessible by a browser running on the host computing device such that [[the]] a user may use the bookmark to efficiently access the web [[site]] page via the browser.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the portable device stores shipping information for an item selected for purchase during the web-based transaction and the software is further adapted to instruct the host computing device to access the shipping information and provide the shipping information to the web [[site]] page to facilitate delivery of the item selected for purchase.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer readable medium of claim [[13]] 18 wherein the shipping information includes a plurality of shipping addresses, the software further adapted to instruct the host computing device to:

[[a)]] query a user to select one of the plurality of shipping addresses;

[[b)]] receive selection indicia from the user; and

[[c)]] fill in the shipping address fields with certain of the shipping information corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of shipping addresses.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating a web-based transaction using a portable device capable of interacting with a plurality of host computing devices, the method comprising:

[[a]] executing software resident on the portable device on a host computing device in association with a computing session:

[[b]] recognizing financial account fields in a web page during a browsing session;

[[c]] filling in the financial account fields in the web page with financial account information stored on the portable device to facilitate [[a]] the web-based transaction; and

[[d]] remove records pertaining to the computing session from the host computing device to enhance privacy associated with the computing session in association with termination of the computing session.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein the financial account information relates to a plurality of financial accounts, the method further comprising:

[[a]] querying [[the]] a user to select one of the plurality of financial accounts;

[[b]] receiving selection indicia from the user; and

[[c]] filling in the financial account fields in the web page with certain of the financial account information corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of financial accounts.

23. (Original) The method of claim 21 further receiving authentication indicia from a user via an interface on the host computing device and determining if the authentication indicia received from the user matches authentication indicia stored on the portable device.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein the portable device stores login information for a second web [[site]] page associated with the web-based transaction and further comprising determining if login information is necessary for the second web [[site]] page and providing the login information upon entering the second web page.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein a bookmark for the web [[site]] page is stored on the portable device and further comprising making the bookmark accessible by a browser running on the host computing device such that a user may use the bookmark to efficiently access the web [[site]] page via the browser.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21 wherein the portable device stores shipping information for an item selected for purchase during the web-based transaction and further comprising accessing the shipping information and providing the shipping information to the web [[site]] page to facilitate delivery of the item selected for purchase.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[21]] 26 wherein the shipping information includes a plurality of shipping addresses and further comprising:

- [[a)]] querying a user to select one of the plurality of shipping addresses;
- [[b)]] receiving selection indicia from the user; and
- [[c)]] filling in the shipping address fields with certain of the shipping information corresponding to the selected one of the plurality of shipping addresses.

28. (Canceled).